

REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9-23 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2, 4-5 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 19-23 are withdrawn for being directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the language of claim 2. Claims 3, 7, 9-18 and 20-21 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention and to correct various informalities. Support for this amendment can be found in at least original claims 1-23. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

The Examiner contends that the application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a fence and a method of forming a fence; and
- II. Claims 19-23, drawn to an apparatus for forming a fence panel.

The Examiner has required election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits to which the claim shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9-18. The foregoing election is made without traverse.

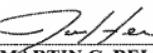
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Response to Election Requirement and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including amended claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9-23, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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